

The Grasshopper and the Toad

Toad and Grasshopper were good friends. One day, Toad invited Grasshopper to his house for dinner. “Grasshopper,” said Toad. “Come to my house tomorrow and I will cook you dinner.”

Grasshopper agreed. The next day, Toad came over to Grasshopper’s house. Before sitting down to eat, Toad washed his legs and asked Grasshopper to do the same. When Grasshopper rubbed his legs together, they made a loud noise.

“Please don’t make such a loud noise,” said Toad. So Grasshopper tried to eat his dinner without rubbing his legs together, but was unable to. Every time Grasshopper’s legs chirped, Toad complained about the noise, so Grasshopper told him to come back tomorrow.

The next day when Toad arrived, he washed his legs and invited Grasshopper to do the same. When Toad hopped out of the water, the dirt stuck to his legs again.

“You should wash your legs again. The dirt has made your legs dirty again,” said Grasshopper.

Toad went back to the water jar and then went to the table.

“Please go back and wash your legs again,” asked Grasshopper.

That made Toad very angry. “You just do not want to eat with me! I can’t help that my legs get dirty between the bowl and the table.”

“Well, my legs cannot be quiet while I eat,” replied Grasshopper.

In the end, Frog and Grasshopper could not accept each other’s flaws. From that day on, they were no longer friends.

